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➤ On Page 4, please replace lines 11-12 with the following text:

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*The replacement paragraphs presented above incorporate changes as indicated by the marked-up versions below.*

To date, the combined screening of mouse genomic and cDNA libraries has identified three mammalian hh counterparts referred to as Desert hedgehog (*Dhh*), Sonic hedgehog (*Shh*) and Indian hedgehog (*Ihh*), which also exist in other mammals as well as in fish and birds. Other members include Moonrat hedgehog (*Mhh*), as well as chicken Sonic hh and zebrafish Sonic hh. Mouse and chicken *Shh* and mouse *Ihh* genes encode glycoproteins which undergo cleavage, yielding an amino terminal fragment of about 20kDa and a carboxy terminal fragment of about 25kDa. The 20kDa fragment has the consensus sequence SEQ ID NO: 1 (Figure 65).

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